

REMARKS

The Official Action of June 27, 2005, has been carefully reviewed. The claims in the application are now only claims 1-15.

Applicant has claimed priority from the corresponding application filed in Italy on December 24, 2002, and applicant filed a certified copy of same on May 17,, 2004. Accordingly, acknowledgement by the PTO of the receipt of applicant's papers filed under §119 **would be appreciated.**

Restriction has been required between what the PTO considers to be two (2) patentably distinct inventions. As applicant must make an election even if the requirement is traversed, applicant elects the Group I, claims 1-15, without traverse and without prejudice.

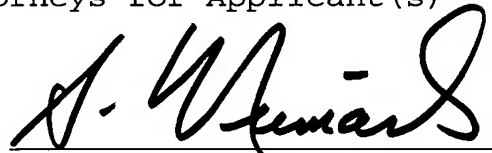
As indicated above, the non-elected claims 16-18 have now been deleted. For the record, this deletion is made entirely without prejudice to applicant's rights, including those rights provided by §§121, 120 and 119, to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application, without any penalty whatsoever.

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Applicant now awaits receipt of the results of a first examination on the merits, and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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